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CHADDERTON STREET

MARY MELVIN

OF THE MERSEY SIDE

Give ear with patience to my relation,
All you that ever felt Cupid's dart,
In captivated and ruined,
By a young female that made me smart,
My mind's tormented I can't prevent it,
Her glancing beauty has me destroy'd,
I speak since early I suffered dearly,
For Mary Melvin of the Mersey side,
In the month of May, when the lambkins play
By the river side I chanc'd to rove,
Where I spied Mary, both light and airy,
A singing sweetly as she did rove;
I got enchanted, I throb'd and panted,
Like one delirious I stood and cried,
Ah, lovely creature, the boast of nature,
Did Cupid send you to the Mersey side
She made this answer, its all romancing
For you to flatter a simple dame,
I'm not so stupid, or duped by Cupid,
So I defy you on me to scheme;
My habitation, is near this plantation,
I feed my flocks by the river side, [me
Therefore don't tease me and you will please
Said Mary Melvin of the Mersey side
I said my charmer my soul's alarmer,
Your glancing beauty did me ensnare,
If I offended, I never intended,
To hurt your feelings I do declare,
You sang so sweetly, and so discreetly,
You cheard the woods and valleys wide,
The fam'd Apollo, your voice would follow.
Should he hear you by the Mersey side.
Young man you're dreaming, or you are
scheming,
You're like the serpent that tempted Eve,
Your oily speeches, do sting like leeches,
But all your flattery shant me deceive,
Your vain delusion, is an intrusion,
For your misconduct I must you chide,
Therefore retire, it is my desire,
Said Mary Melvin of the Mersey side
Don't be so cruel, my dearest jewel,
I'm captivated I really vow
To show I'm loyal, I make no denial,
Here's my hand and I'll wed you now,
I want no sporting, nor tedious courting,
But instantly make you my bride,
Therefore surrender, I'm no pretender,
Sweet Mary Melvin of the Mersey side,
She then consented, and quite contented,
Unto the church then we went straightway,
And quickly hurried, and both got married,
And joined our hearts on that very day,
Her parents blessed us and then caressed us,
A handsome portion they did provide,
She may bless the day that she chanced to stray
By the bank of the Mersey side